

# GETAC Recap

The Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC) met Friday, February 23, 2007, in Austin. The council unanimously approved the minutes from its November 20, 2006, meeting and heard reports from the chair, committee/task force chairs and Department of State Health Services (DSHS) staff.

**Chair report:** Chair Edward M. Racht, MD, welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that David Lakey, MD, is the new commissioner for the Department of State Health Services.

Dr. Racht introduced the newly-appointed members of GETAC subcommittees and reminded them to complete the Texas Public Information Act and Open Meetings Act training videos within 90 days of their appointments. Failure to complete both training videos can result in suspension from committees and/or the council.

In other business, Dr. Racht discussed the idea of having a council retreat to examine the rules and structure of the GETAC subcommittees because of some redundancy issues. He also said he would like to set up a survey program similar to the one conducted at the Texas EMS Conference 2006 in Dallas.

Dr. Racht discussed the "Optimal Care of the STEMI Patient: A Comprehensive Statewide Approach" meeting held in Austin on Jan 25-26 that was coordinated by the American Heart Association, the American College of Cardiology and the Texas Medical Association.

He also discussed Gov. Perry's proposal for a health professions commission that could possibly affect some components of the state EMS regulatory structure. He mentioned that GETAC welcomes all comments and concerns about this proposal and would like to represent all points of view equally and fairly.

**Staff reports:** Kathryn C. Perkins,

assistant commissioner for the Division of Regulatory Services, was unable to attend the meeting. Her report was given by Steve Janda, director of the Office of EMS/Trauma Systems Coordination (OEMS/TS).

Mr. Janda reported that a Comprehensive Clinical Management Program (CCMP) draft rule would be completed by the next GETAC meeting and is expected to be placed on the next council agenda for a vote. From there, it would then move to the DSHS Council for consideration.

Numerous bills related to EMS and trauma systems are being followed this legislative session, including HB 92, HB 259, HB 1412, SB 570, HB 70, SB 125, SB 26, SB 28, HB 1520 and SB 125.

Mr. Janda said the other GETAC meeting dates in 2007 are May 23-25, 2007; August 22-24, 2007; and November 17-19, 2007, in conjunction with Texas EMS Conference in Houston. Kelly Harrell, manager of the Stakeholder Information Group and the conference coordinator, accepted proposals for presenters and speakers for this year's conference until March 15, 2007.

Mr. Janda also reported the pediatric trauma facility designation tie to disproportionate share hospital (DSH) funds has been endorsed at two Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) advisory councils and goes to the HHSC Council itself for consideration on March 29, 2007.

He announced that the OEMS/TS has a new website with a new address: [www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstraumasystems](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstraumasystems). Mr. Janda also spoke about the National Practitioner Databank and the possibility that this information and a link may be provided on the EMS/Trauma Systems website so certain people or groups can access it.

Maxie Bishop, state EMS director, discussed the EMS memorandum of agreement (MOA) for mutual aid in a disaster and reminded everyone that hurricane season is approaching. He thanked services that have chosen to participate and encouraged others to apply. There are 88 ground ambulance providers and two

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# New committee member lists available online

GETAC committees recently got some new (and reappointed) faces in response to term expirations and resignations. The decisions were difficult: Chair Ed Racht, MD, along with the committee chairs, carefully evaluated applications from many qualified and enthusiastic folks to end up with committees representative of the diverse EMS and trauma systems community. For a complete list of the committees, go to [www.dshs.state.tx.us/emtraumasystems/governor.shtm](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/emtraumasystems/governor.shtm).

New members will attend their first committee meetings in May.

## Air Medical Committee

Stacy Gregory, RN, LP  
Chief Flight Nurse  
Mother Frances Hospital Flight For Life  
Tyler, Texas

Dennis Hebner, LP  
Director of Support Services  
South Texas Emergency Care Foundation,  
Inc./ Valley AirCare  
Harlingen, Texas

Robert Phelan III, MD  
Del Sol Medical Center/AirMed El Paso  
El Paso, Texas

Daniel Saltarelli, Jr., RN/LP  
Flight Nurse/Clinical Educator  
Halo Flight, Inc.  
Rockport, Texas

Peggy Word, NREMT-P  
Chief Flight Coordinator  
Medical Center Hospital  
Odessa, Texas

## Education Committee

Michael Hay, NREMT-P  
Education Coordinator  
Harris County ESD 1  
Houston, Texas

Lorie Lefevers, LP, EMT-P  
EMS Education Director  
Grayson County College  
Denison, Texas

Scott Miles, EMT-P  
Staff Development Educator  
Champion EMS  
Longview, Texas

Lance Villers, EMT-P  
Department Chair  
University of Texas Health Science  
Center at San Antonio  
San Antonio, Texas

## EMS Committee

Christian E. Callsen, Jr., LP

Assistant Director, EMS Operations  
Austin/Travis County EMS  
Austin, Texas

Brett Coghlan, EMT-P  
Austin County EMS  
Brenham, Texas

Kevin Deramus, LP  
EMS Director  
Washington County EMS  
Brenham, Texas

Michael Farris, LP  
EMS Director  
Medina Valley EMS/Edwards  
County EMS/City of Devine EMS  
Castroville, Texas

Antonio Garcia, LP  
Program Coordinator  
Texas Engineering Extension Service  
College Station, Texas

Larry Mitchell, LP  
Director of EMS  
City of Bovina  
Bovina, Texas

Keven Roles, EMT-P  
Operations Director  
San Marcos/Hays County EMS  
San Marcos, Texas

William Curtis Smith, LP  
Captain/EMS Coordinator  
Prosper Fire Department  
Prosper, Texas

Lon Squyres, EMT-P  
Chief  
Jacinto City Fire Department  
Jacinto City, Texas

## Injury Prevention (IP) Committee

Wayne Dennis, EMT-P  
EMS Supervisor/  
Clinical Practices Director  
Life Care Plus EMS  
Gorman, Texas

Stephen Hougen, MD, FACS  
Trauma Medical Director  
Citizens Medical Center  
Victoria, Texas

Jennifer Northway  
Executive Director  
Mothers Against Drunk Driving  
South Texas Region  
San Antonio, Texas

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Assistant Professor  
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Claudia Romo  
Injury Prevention Program Manager  
Children's Medical Center  
Dallas, Texas

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Section of Emergency Medicine  
Baylor College of Medicine/  
Texas Children's Hospital  
Houston, Texas

## Medical Directors Committee

Richard Bradley, MD

Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine  
University of Texas Health Science Center  
Houston, Texas

Donald Gordon, PhD, MD  
Professor, EHS, UTHSC-SA  
EMS Medical Director, UHS Ambulance  
Svc.  
San Antonio Fire Department  
Leon Valley Fire Department  
Bexar County First Responders Network  
San Antonio, TX

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Medical Director/Emergency Physicians  
Advisory Board  
Fort Worth Med Star  
Chief of Staff/Emergency Department  
Director  
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Fort Worth, Texas

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Department of Emergency Medicine Texas  
Tech Medical School – El Paso  
El Paso, Texas

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East Texas Medical Center  
Tyler, Texas

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Houston, Texas

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## Pediatrics Committee

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Texas Children's Hospital  
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Texas Children's Hospital  
Houston, Texas

## Stroke Committee

Darryl Camp, MD  
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AMEP  
Austin, Texas

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Critical Care Flight Paramedic  
PHI Air Medical  
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Robert Knappage, EMT-P  
EMS Lieutenant  
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Baylor University Medical Center  
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EMS Programs Manager  
Garland Fire Department  
EMS Division  
Garland, Texas

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Neurosurgeon Director  
The Greater Houston  
Neurosurgery Center  
Woodlands, Texas

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Chair, Texas Association of Trauma RACs  
St. Joseph Regional Health System  
Bryan, Texas

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## Trauma Systems Committee

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Medical Center Hospital  
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Northwest Texas Hospital  
Chairman, Department of Surgery/Texas  
Tech University School of Medicine  
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Amarillo, Texas

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Austin-Travis County EMS  
Austin, Texas

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UMC Health System  
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